

We want you to know the IFPS Science Steering Team (ISST) has scheduled an ISST Forum for the 14th of October, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM EDT (18-20 UTC). The Forum is a teleconference offering those in the Regions, NCEP and field offices, as well as the development, training, and policy organizations within the NWS (and NOAA), an opportunity to receive an update on ISST activities and to offer suggestions and provide feedback.

The ISST plans to have an agenda that includes:

- DGEX update (we'd like input on how it is being used) – 15 minutes
- HPC 4-7 day position paper summary (to be sent out by 10/4/2004) – 30 minutes
- 10-506 review (to be sent out by 10/4/2004) – 30 minutes
- Future ISST areas of interest – 15 minutes
- Open discussion period (for other topics of interest) – 30 minutes

Materials that are to be presented will be available on the ISST web site within the next week or so at:

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/ost/ifps_sst

The concept of the Forum was approved at the August 2003 S&T Committee briefing and is summarized in the attached document.

Please work with your ISST representative to determine who from your Region or organization will join the call. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Brad Colman, ISST Chair, or Kevin Schrab, team facilitator.

ISST Membership:

Brad Colman (team leader)	WR – Seattle, WA
Peter Manousos (backup team leader)	NCEP – HPC
Greg Mann	CR – Detroit, MI
Mark Jackson	WR – Salt Lake City, UT
Steve Keighton	ER – Blacksburg, VA
David Sharp	SR – Melbourne, FL
Eric Stevens	AR – Fairbanks, AK
Bill Ward	PR – Pacific Region HQ
Kevin Schrab (facilitator)	NWSHQ/OST